



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Allete, Inc.

[Project No. 2361-056]

Notice of Application Tendered for Filing with The Commission and Establishing
Procedural Schedule for Licensing and Deadline for Submission of Final Amendments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: Subsequent License
- b. Project No.: 2361-056
- c. Date filed: December 20, 2021
- d. Applicant: Allete, Inc. (Allete)
- e. Name of Project: Prairie River Hydroelectric Project (Prairie River Project)
- f. Location: On the Prairie River, near the Township of Arbo in Itasca County, Minnesota. The project does not include any federal lands.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) - 825(r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. David R. Moeller, Senior Attorney & Director of Regulatory Compliance, ALLETE, Inc., d.b.a. Minnesota Power, 30 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN 55802, 218-723-3963, dmoeller@allete.com
- i. FERC Contact: Laura Washington (202) 502-6072, Laura.Washington@ferc.gov
- j. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
- k. The Prairie River Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 1,305-acre reservoir; (2) a concrete dam; (3) a reinforced-concrete penstock extending from the forebay via a surge tank to the powerhouse; (4) 2,500-foot-long bypass reach; (5) a powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 1.1 megawatts; and (6) a 2.3/23-kilovolt transmission bank. .

The Prairie River Project is currently operated in a run-of-river mode and generates an annual average of approximately 3,087,000 kilowatt hours. Allete proposes to continue operating the project as a run-of-river facility and does not propose any new construction to the project.

l. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

m. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

<u>MILESTONE</u>	<u>TARGET DATE</u>
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	January 2022
Request Additional Information	February 2022
Notice of Acceptance / Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	June 2022

o. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

DATED: December 22, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.